Water potential in Madhya Pradesh

1769. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the water potential in Madhya Pradesh which can be harnessed for irrigation;

(b) what is the percentage of water potential in Madhya Pradesh which has been harnessed upto the end of Sixth Plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh is lagging behind in creation of irrigation potential though it has maximum uptapped irrigation potential available; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for slow progress in this regard and what assistance the Union Government propose to give to the Madhya Pradesh Government so as to enable it to develop its untapped irrigation potential?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The estimated ultimate irrigation potential of Madhya Pradesh is 10.2 m.h.a. out of which about 37 per cent has been created by the end of the VI Plan, which is below the country's average, owing to, among others late start in irrigation development and constraint of financial resources. Irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Government and Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grants.

Extension of Public Distribution System to tea garden workers

1770. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 8th meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution System has recommended for the extension of PDS to cover tea garden workers, migrant labourers and fishermen; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The summary Record of Discussions of the Eighth Meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution System, which contains this recommendation, has been forwarded to all the States/Union Territories for follow-up action. The workers of tea gardens and fishermen are already having the facility of supply of essential commodities under the PDS and for migrant labour, the States were asked to issue temporary ration cards to them.

Unauthorised construction in lanes of Khichripur/kalyanpuri, Delhi

1771. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the replies to Unstarred Questions 456 and 2991 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th July, 1985 and 23rd August, 1985 respectively and state:

(a) whether the encroachments and unauthorised khokas in lanes and bye-lanes of residential plots in Khichripur and Kalyanpuri, Delhi have since been removed and shifted to alternative sites developed by D D.A.;

(b) if so, when were these unauthorissd khokas and encroachments were removed;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no action since July, 1985 for removal of unauthorised construction has been taken by Government, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Government propose to take steps to stop use of unauthorised jhuggis for keeping pet animals which have become a health hazard?